

**CV** **Graham James ODDIE**

**Degrees** PhD 1979, University of London.  
BA Honors (1<sup>st</sup>) 1976, University of Otago.

**Citizenship** Dual US and NZ

**Areas of Interest** Value theory, metaphysics, ethics, epistemology, aesthetics

**University Positions**

1994-present Professor of Philosophy University of Colorado at Boulder  
2002-2010 Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, with responsibility for the  
Division of Humanities and the Arts, UCB  
1997-2002 Chair of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder  
1998-2000 Director, Cttee for the History and Philosophy of Science UCB  
1997-8 Director, Center for Values and Social Policy, UCB  
1988-94 Professor and Chair of Philosophy, Massey University, NZ  
1986-7 Associate Professor in Philosophy, University of Otago, NZ  
1979-86 Assistant Professor in Philosophy, University of Otago, NZ

**Visiting Positions/Fellowships/Awards**

2010-11 Starr Fellow, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford (AY 10-11)  
2009 Boulder Faculty Assembly Award for Excellence in Research  
2008 College Scholar Award, University of Colorado (for Spring 11)  
1996-7 Visiting Professor, University of Canterbury, NZ (6/96-6/97)  
1993 Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Sydney (6/93-12/93)  
1992 Visiting Fellow, Czech Academy of Science (8/92)  
1992 Claude McCarthy Fellow, New Zealand Vice Chancellors Cttee (8/92)  
1990 Visiting Fellow, Australian National University (8/90-12/90)  
1986 Imre Lakatos Visiting Fellow, University of London (7/86-12/86)  
1986 Research Fellow, Finnish Academy of Sciences, Helsinki (4/86-6/86)  
1986 Research Scholar, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem (1/86-3/86)  
1986 Fellow, Institute for Phil and Hist of Science, Tel Aviv U. (1/86-3/86)  
1976-9 UK Commonwealth Scholar, University of London  
1972-76 NZ University Junior Scholarship

**Professional Offices**

Member Program Committee, APA Pacific Division, 2011-2014  
Founding Vice President, New Zealand Academy for the Humanities, 1992-3  
President Australasian Association of Philosophy (NZ), 1990-91  
Council Australasian Association of Philosophy, 1990-91  
President Australasian Association of Philosophy, 1989-90

## **RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books authored**

- 1 *Value, Reality and Desire* (Oxford: OUP, 2005). Paperback edition 2009.

#### *Selected reviews*

i *Times Literary Supplement*

“*Value, Reality and Desire* is a masterful book. The writing is clear and crisp and vivid..... Most of all, the book has that rare quality of abounding with new ideas worth hearing: on degrees of realism; on harmonizing peoples desires; on the nature of perspective and properties.” (Fehige, Christoph. *Times Literary Supplement*, July 14, 2006)

ii *Ethics*

“Oddie’s book is packed with sophisticated arguments for provocative claims ... and embodies a refreshing excitement about metaethical matters; I recommend it to all students of meta-ethics for intellectual edification and delight.” (Cokelet, Bradfod. *Ethics* vol. 116.2.)

iii *Review of Metaphysics*

“There is much in this sophisticated book from which philosophers can profit. ... Oddie introduces a bounty of thoughtful and provocative insights into our understanding of noncognitivism, idealism, naturalism, properties, supervenience, reduction, and causation.” (Miller, Carl. *The Review of Metaphysics* 60.3 (March 2007))

iv *Philosophical Investigations*,

“..... Undoubtedly, *Value, Reality, and Desire* represents an interesting and important defence of value realism at a time when, as Oddie himself admits, holding such a position is far from philosophically popular. ... Oddie's sustained, detailed and philosophically rigorous argument deserves to be taken seriously..”(Sleat, Matt. *Philosophical Investigations*, 30.1)

v *Mind*

“Graham Oddie’s *Value, Reality, and Desire* is a welcome, ambitious and spirited defence of a ‘robust realism about the good’ ....Oddie’s book is well-structured, clearly written, and informative. It also contains a number of provocative, original, and persuasive arguments. ..” (Brady, Michael. *Mind*, Vol. 116 . January 2007.)

vi *Journal of Value Inquiry*

“In *Value, Reality, and Desire*, Oddie provides an impressive technical defense of value realism.” (Hucktefeld, Vaughan. *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (2006) 40:107–113.

vii *Philosophical Books*

“... there can be no question that his efforts constitute an admirable feat of intellectual derring-do.” (Sayre, Patricia. *Philosophical Books* Volume 48 Issue 2, Pages 189 – 190.)

- 2 ***Likeness to Truth*** Western Ontario Series in Philosophy of Science (Dordrecht: Reidel, 1986).

### **Books (edited)**

- 3 ***What's Wrong?*** co-authored and co-edited with David Boonin (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004). Second revised edition January 2009.

#### *Selected reviews*

"*What's Wrong?* presents applied ethics at its finest. Boonin and Oddie have collected an ideal assortment of compact, well-argued papers on an impressive range of issues. Additionally, they provide outstanding section introductions throughout. I recommend this volume with enthusiasm."--Ted A. Warfield, University of Notre Dame

"Excellent selection of readings--perfect for an introduction to ethics course. The inclusion of materials on the family, smoking tobacco, criminalizing blackmail, and other non-standard applied ethics topics makes this a unique text in the field."--Eric Rovie, Webster University

- 4 ***Justice, Ethics and New Zealand Society*** co-edited with Roy Perrett (Auckland: Oxford University Press, 1992).

### **Forthcoming**

- 63 "Content, consequence and likeness: on three approaches to verisimilitude and their compatibility" *Synthese* 2011 Available online at: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/r53548780g7273g5/>
- 62 "Value realism", in LaFollette, H. *et al.* (eds.) *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, forthcoming 2011), (4000 words).
- 61 "Truthlikeness", in Glanzberg, M. (ed.) *Oxford Handbook of Truth* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2011), (10000 words).

### **Published**

- 60 "Experiences of Value", in Pigden, C. R. (ed.) *Hume on Motivation and Virtue*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009) 121-141.
- 59 "Pavel Tichý", in Oppy, G. *et al.* (eds.) *A Companion to Philosophy in Australia and New Zealand* (Melbourne: Monash University Publishing, 2010).
- 58 "Values education", in Siegel, H. (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Education* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 252-69.

- 57 "Truthlikeness and Value", Pihlstrom, S. *et al* (eds.) *Approaching Truth: Essays in Honour of Ilkka Niiniluoto* (London: College Publications, 2008), 225-40.
- 56 "The fictionalist's attitude problem", (with Dan Demetriou) in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. (2007), 10: 485-98. (Primary author)
- 56a **Reprinted** in *A World Without Values: Essays on John Mackie's Moral Error Theory* Joyce, E. *et al* (eds.) (Springer: 2010).
- 55 "Truthlikeness", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (May, 2007), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/truthlikeness/> (revised).
- 54 *Review: Mark Kalderon's Moral Fictionalism* (with Dan Demetriou) *Mind* 462 (2007), 439-46. (Secondary author)
- 53 "Truthlikeness", *Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Science*, ed. Stathis Psillos (Routledge, 2008), 478-88.
- 52 "Metaphysics", in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* ed. Borchert Donald. M., (New York: Macmillan, 2006).
- 51 "A refutation of Peircian idealism", in Colin Cheyne (ed.) *Rationality and Reality* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2006), 255-62.
50. "Recombinant values", *Philosophical Studies* 106 (2001), 259-92.
- 49 "Scrumptious functions", *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 62 (2001), 137-56.
- 48 "Hume, the bad paradox and value realism", *Philo* 4 (2001), 109-22.
- 47 "Reduction: varieties of", *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* eds. Niel J.Smelser *et al.* (Oxford, Elsevier 2001), 12857-64.
- 46 "Truth, verification, confirmation, verisimilitude", *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Oxford, Elsevier 2001) 15932-7.
- 45 "Truthlikeness", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (July, 2001), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/truthlikeness/>.
- 44 "Axiological atomism", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79 (2001), 313-32.
- 43 "Control, consequence and compatibilism", Childers, T. *et al* (eds.) *Between Words and Worlds* (Filosofia, Prague, 2000), 143-56.
- 42 "Permanent possibilities of sensation", *Philosophical Studies* 98 (2000), 345-59.
- 41 "Moral realism, moral relativism and moral rules (a compatibility argument)", *Synthese* 117 (1999), 251-74.

- 40 “The moral case for the legalization of voluntary euthanasia”, *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review* 28 (1998), 207-24.
- 39 “Conditionalization, cogency and cognitive value”, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 48 (1997), 533-41.
- 38 “Killing and letting-die: from bare differences to clear differences”, *Philosophical Studies* 88 (1997), 267-87.
- 37 “Truthlikeness”, in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy Supplement* ed. Borchert Donald. M., (New York: Macmillan, 1997), 574-6. Reprinted in 2006 edition.
- 36 *Review Article*: “Rescuing Reason”, *Philosophy* 71 (1996), 445-460 .
- 35 “The consequences of actions”, in Copeland, J. (ed.) *Logic and Reality* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1996), 273-99.
- 34 “Moral uncertainty and human embryo experimentation” in Fulford, K. *et al.* (eds.) *Medicine and Moral Reasoning* (Cambridge: CUP, 1994), 144-61.
- 33 “Harmony, Purity, Truth”, *Mind* 103 (1994), 452-72.
- 32 “What agents can do”, (with Pavel Tichý) in Foo, N. *et al.* (eds.) *Record of the Workshop on Logic and Action* (Sydney: University of Sydney, 1994), 13-28. (Secondary author)
- 31 “Addiction and the value of freedom”, *Bioethics* 7:5 (1993), 373-401.
- 31a **Reprinted** in *The Proceedings of the Russellian Society* 18 (1993), 1-29.
- 30 “An objectivist’s guide to subjective value”, (with Peter Menzies) *Ethics* 102 (1992), 512-34. (Equal authorship)
- 30a **Reprinted** in Pettit, P. (ed.) *Consequentialism— International Research Library of Philosophy* (Dartmouth: Aldershot, 1993), 327-350.
- 29 “The possibility and value of possibilities for value”, *From the Logical Point of View* 2 (1992), 46-62.
- 28 “Is the Treaty of Waitangi a social contract?”, (with Jindra Tichý) in Oddie, G. *et al.* (eds.) *Justice, Ethics and New Zealand Society* (Auckland: Oxford University Press, 1992), 73-90. (Secondary author)
- 27 “Act and maxim: value discrepancy and two theories of power”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 53 (1992), 71-92.
- 26 “Simultaneity and God’s timelessness”, (with Roy Perrett) *Sophia* 31 (1992), 123-9. (Primary author)
- 25 “Act and value: expectations and the representability of moral theories”, (with Peter Milne) *Theoria* 48 (1991), 165-82. (Equal authorship)

- 24 “Supervenience and higher-order universals”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 69 (1991), 20-47.
- 23 “Backwards causation and the permanence of the past”, *Synthese* 85 (1990), 71-93.
- 23a **Reprinted** in Tooley, M. (ed.) *Analytical Metaphysics* (Hamden: Garland Pub Co., 2000), pp 93-115.
- 22 “Creative value”, *Inquiry* 33 (1990), 297-315.
- 21 “Verisimilitude by power relations”, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 41 (1990), 129-35.
- 20 “Resplicing properties in the supervenience base”, (with Pavel Tichý) *Philosophical Studies* 58 (1990), 1-11. (Primary author)
- 20a **Reprinted** in Svoboda, V. et al. (eds.) *Pavel Tichý’s Collected Papers in Logic and Philosophy* (Prague and Dunedin: Filosofia and the University of Otago Press, 2004), 749-63.
- 19 “The unity of theories”, in D’Agostino, F. et al. (eds.) *Freedom and Rationality* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1989), 343-69.
- 18 “The aesthetic adequacy of copies”, (with David Ward) *The British Journal of Aesthetics* 29 (1989), 258-60. (Primary author)
- 17 “On a dogma concerning realism and incommensurability”, in Nola, R. (ed.) *Relativism and Realism in Science* (Dordrecht: Reidel, 1988), 169-203.
- 16 “Truthlikeness and the convexity of propositions”, in Kuipers, T. (ed.) *What is Closer-to-the-Truth?* (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1987), 197-217.
- 15 “Partial interpretation, meaning-variance, and incommensurability”, in Gavroglu, K. (ed.) *Imre Lakatos and Theories of Scientific Change* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1987), 305-22.
- 14 “The picture theory of truthlikeness”, in Kuipers, T. (ed.) *What is Closer-to-the-Truth?* (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1987), 25-46.
- 13 “Is Science Progressive?”, Review article in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 38 (1990), 272-6.
- 12 “A decision-theoretic argument against human embryo experimentation”, Fricke, M. (ed.) *Essays in Honour of Bob Durrant* ed. (Dunedin: University of Otago, 1986), 111-27.
- 11 “Truth-telling and fatal illness”, (with Roy Perrett) *The New Zealand Medical Journal* (October 8, 1986), 759-61. (Primary author)
- 11a **Reprinted** by the California Medical Association, 1988, as part of a resource package for physicians involved with dying patients.

- 10 “The poverty of the Popperian program for truthlikeness”, *Philosophy of Science* 53:2 (1986), 163-78.
- 10a **Reprinted** in *Popper: Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers* ed. Anthony O’Hear (London: Routledge, 2004).
- 9 “Ability and freedom”, (with Pavel *American Philosophical Quarterly* 20 (1983), 135-47. (Secondary author)
- 9a **Reprinted** in Svoboda, V, *et al.* (eds.) *Pavel Tichý’s Collected Papers in Logic and Philosophy* (Prague and Dunedin: Filosofia and the University of Otago Press, 2004), 525-40.
- 8 “The logic of ability, freedom and responsibility”, (with Pavel Tichý *Studia Logica* 61 (1982), 135-56. (Primary author)
- 8a **Reprinted** in Svoboda, V, *et al.* (eds.) *Pavel Tichý’s Collected Papers in Logic and Philosophy* (Prague and Dunedin: Filosofia and the University of Otago Press, 2004), 481-504.
- 7 “Armstrong on the eleatic principle and abstract entities”, *Philosophical Studies* 41 (1982), 285-95.
- 6 “Cohen on verisimilitude and natural necessity”, *Synthese* 51 (1982), 355-79 .
- 5 “Changing numbers”, (with G. Currie) *Theoria* 48 (1982), 148-64. (Primary author)
- 4 “Control”, *Essays in Honour of Gwen Taylor* ed. Durrant, R. (Dunedin: University of Otago, 1981), 190-210.
- 3 “Verisimilitude reviewed”, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 32 (1981), 237-65.
- 2 “Miller’s so-called paradox of information”, (with Colin Howson) *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 30 (1979), 253-61.
- 1 "Verisimilitude and Distance in Logical Space", *Acta Philosophica Fennica* 30:2-4 (1978), 227-243.

## TALKS

Visiting speaker, conference papers and colloquia:

University of Lund 4/11  
 University of Kent 3/11  
 University of Oxford, Starr Lecture, Lady Margaret Hall 3/11  
 University of Geneva 3/11  
 University of Oxford Moral Philosophy Seminar 2/11  
 University of Oxford Philosophy Colloquium 2/11  
 Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University 2/11  
 Uppsala University 2/11

University of Stockholm 2/11  
 University of Bristol 2/11  
 Reading University 10/10  
 Glasgow University 11/10  
 Delft Technical University 10/10  
 University of Otago, 4/10.  
 Invited Speaker, Workshop on Metaphysics of Value, University of Geneva, 11/08.  
 Invited Author: Two-day workshop on *Value Reality and Desire*, Davidson 7/08.  
 Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science conference CU 9/08.  
 NZ Division of Australasian Association of Philosophy, Auckland, 12/07.  
 London School of Economics 9/07 (also, 1997, 1986)  
 Invited Address: Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Otago, 12/05.  
 Invited Address: Montreal University, Quebec, 11/05.  
 Invited Address: 5<sup>th</sup> European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Lisbon, 8/05.  
 Invited Plenary Address, Fiftieth Anniversary Conference of the NZ Division of  
 Australasian Association of Philosophy, Massey University, 12/03.  
 Invited Address, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference,  
 Seattle 2002: Symposium “New work in property theory”.  
 University of Miami (2000, also 1996)  
 American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Conference (1999, 95, 94)  
 Johns Hopkins University (1998)  
 The University of Wyoming (1997)  
 Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge (1997)  
 The British Society for the Philosophy of Science (1997, 1986)  
 University of Canterbury (1997, 1996, 1981)  
 The California Institute of Technology (1994)  
 University of Auckland (1994, 1992)  
 Massey University (1994, 1988-93)  
 University of Sydney (1993, 1980)  
 New Directions in Epistemology, Monash University (1993)  
 University of Queensland (1993)  
 University of New England (1993)  
 Australian National University (1993, 1990, 1980)  
 Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (1992)  
 Int Assn for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (Uppsala, 1991)  
 Presidential address, (plenary) Australasian Association of Philosophy, Sydney 1990  
 Presidential address, (plenary) Australasian Association of Philosophy, Auckland  
 1989  
 Actions and events (Taupo, 1989)  
 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conferences: 1980, 81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 88.  
 Kings College London (1986)  
 St Andrews University (1986)  
 University of Helsinki (1986)  
 Turku University (1986)  
 Hebrew University (1986)  
 Haifa University (1986)  
 Imre Lakatos Memorial Conference, Thessalonica (1986)  
 Chelsea College London (1979)

## THESIS SUPERVISION

Principal PhD supervisor for the following PhD theses:

- 2009 Kendy Hess, *The Modern Corporation as Moral Agent* (UCB). Brake Smith Assistant Professor of Social Philosophy and Ethics, Holy Cross College.
- 2009 Dan Demetriou, *Honor Among Theories* (UCB). Assistant Professor at the U. Minnesota Morris.
- 2008 Ken Daley *A Theory of Concepts* (UCB). Instructor, Southern Methodist University.
- 2003 Chris Kelly *A Theory of the Good* (UCB). Visiting Assistant Professor at University of North Carolina, now a film actor (*Ink*).
- 2002 Michelle Montague *Intentionality and its Objects* (UCB). Assistant Professor at UCI, stipendiary lecturer at St John's Oxford, and now lecturer at University of Bristol
- 2001 Steve Kramer *Natural, Wild and Free* Associate Professor at Southwest Minnesota State, (UCB).
- 1994 Nicole Bishop *Self Esteem* (Massey).
- 1990 Andrew Holster *Time Reversibility in a Probabilistic Universe* (Otago and Massey Universities).
- 1986 Roy Perrett, *Death and Immortality* (Otago). Full Professor at University of Hawaii.